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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Claims 1-10 remain in this application.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,678,703 to Sawyer. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As is discussed, for example, in lines 9-16 on page 2 of the substitute specification, an object of this invention is to provide a device with which a determination of the position of or measurement of inaccessible holes in a component, such as the body of a motor vehicle, is possible in a simple manner. Claim 1, accordingly, defines a device "for determining the position